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News Release

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR BROTHER JOSEPH JANNING, S.M.

DAYTON, Ohio, August 5, 1982 -- Brother Joseph Janning, 95, a member of the Cincinnati Province of the Society of Mary (Marianists), died early Wednesday afternoon in the Gosiger Health Center at the University of Dayton.

Brother Janning professed first vows in the Society of Mary on August 31, 1906. After a brief period of teaching in Cleveland, Ohio, and Covington, Kentucky, he volunteered in 1919 for service at St. Joseph's College, an English language school conducted by the Marianists in Yokohama, Japan. He was there for ten years, during which time he went through the horrors of an earthquake that wracked that country and the devastating fire that resulted from it.

He returned to the United States in 1929, remaining here until 1933 when he volunteered for service in China and served as director of the pioneer community of Marianists assigned there. During his 10-year stay in China the Sino-Japanese War broke out in 1937 followed by the entry of both the United States and Japan into World War II in 1941. He was repatriated to the United States in 1943 on the S.S. Gripsholm.

From early 1944 until 1966 he was a member of the faculty at Chaminade High School in Dayton and from 1967 until 1980 was on the staff of Bergamo Center on the grounds of Mount St. John. In 1980 he was admitted to the Gosiger Health Center where he was in residence until his death.

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Brother Janning is survived by a brother, Edward Janning, of Tucson, Arizona; by nieces, Marguerite Janning and Louise Raiff, of Dayton; and numerous other nephews and nieces.

The viewing will take place on Friday, August 6, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the University of Dayton Alumni Hall Chapel and the Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for him at 8 p.m., in the UD Immaculate Conception Chapel. Interment will take place on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in Queen of Heaven Cemetery at Mount St. John/Bergamo.